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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31 FROM THE DECISION OF THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final decision, dated September 21, 2005, of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-4 of the above-referenced application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite filing fee of \$500.00 (Notice of Appeal), and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 07-0868; Order No. 133918-1/YOD (GERD:0332).

General Authorization for Extensions of Time

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby provides a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request

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therefor. Furthermore, Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge the appropriate fee for any extension of time to Deposit Account No. 07-0868; Order No. 133918-1/YOD (GERD:0332).

Respectfully submitted,

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